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ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1966

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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1966

p r e f a c e

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report on the health of the District during 1966 drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Ministry of Health Circular 1/67 dated January, 1967. Included in the Report is the Report of the Public Health Inspector.

POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

There was a drop of ten persons to 7,010 persons in the mid-year estimate of the resident population, but there were 28 more births than deaths, indicating that 38 persons must have left the District. A total of 101 births gave a rate of 18.88 which is not only well above last year's rate but also better than the National Average. With 73 deaths the rate fell to 9.68 per thousand population which is considerably lower than the National Average.

The causes of death shows little change over last year. The majority (41) died of disease of the heart and circulation, 10 died of cancer. 5 from respiratory illnesses and one infant died due to an unavoidable cause. All together there were 73 deaths.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Only 20 cases were confirmed and these are listed on page 10. In addition two cases of suspected food poisoning were not confirmed by laboratory tests.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

No major problems occurred. The useful life of Jawbones refuse tip was coming to an end and steps were commenced by the Council to find possible alternative sites, even if necessary, outside the District.

One holiday camp deposited plans to construct 72 chalets. Planning permission specified that the site must be connected to the main drainage system of the town.

Attempting to get the older often substandard properties in the town maintained in a state fit for habitation is a never ceasing battle and very time consuming. The housing inspections under this item are listed by the Public Health Inspector and were responsible for 590 visits. It is encouraging that the Council made 35 improvement grants in respect of properties in the town.

Very useful work in connection with food inspection and hygiene of food premises, and under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act has been done by the Public Health Inspector and details are set out by him in the Report.

I am of opinion that 1966 can be considered to be a very satisfactory year from the public health viewpoint and in conclusion I wish to thank the Borough Council and in particular the Public Health Committee for it's support of the Public Health Department.

JOHN WILDMAN

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1967.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the session 1966/67
was Alderman Mr. R.M. Hoare.

S E C T I O N A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1966

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Dartmouth Borough

7,010 (7,020)

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|---------|
| Natural increase or decrease | ... | ... | ... | + 28 | (+ 11) |
| Migration in or out | ... | ... | ... | - 38 | (+ 289) |
| Total increase or decrease | ... | ... | ... | - 10 | (+ 300) |

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area in Acres 1,925

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books (31st March)

2,560 (2,516)

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Number of Houses per acre | ... | ... | ... | 1.329 |
| Number of Persons per acre | ... | ... | ... | 3.642 |
| Number of Persons per house | ... | ... | ... | 2.738 |

Rateable Value of District (31st December, 1966)

£211,461

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

£830

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1966

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHS:

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 18.88 (15.86)

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.31 (1.31)

Number of Live Births

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <u>Total</u> | 52 | 49 | 101 |
| Legitimate | 49 | 46 | 95 |
| Illegitimate | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| <u>Number of Still Births</u> | 0 | 1 | 1 |

DEATHS:

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population 9.68 (9.80)

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 0.93 (0.93)

| <u>Number of Deaths</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <u>All Ages - Total</u> | 39 | 34 | 73 |
| <u>Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.</u> | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Number under 4 weeks of age | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Number under 1 week of age | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 9.90 (0.00)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTH RATE: 17.7 (18.1) DEATH RATE: 11.7 (11.5)

Infantile Mortality Rate: 19.0 (19.0)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1966

TABLE 1

Age Group in Years

| <u>DISEASE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>Under</u> <u>1</u> | <u>1-</u> | <u>5-</u> | <u>15-</u> | <u>25-</u> | <u>Over</u> <u>65</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whooping Cough | 9 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Measles | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Acute Pneumonia | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Tuberculosis (Meninges and Central Nervous System) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TABLE 2

Incidence by Quarters

| <u>DISEASE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whooping Cough | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Measles | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Acute Pneumonia | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tuberculosis (Meninges and Central Nervous System) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

In accordance with the requirements of the World Health Regulations certificates of Smallpox and Cholera vaccinations in respect of persons travelling abroad were authenticated by the Public Health Department.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1966

| <u>Line No.</u> | | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> |
|-----------------|--|----------|----------|
| | ALL CAUSES | 39 | 34 |
| 1 | Tuberculosis, respiratory | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Tuberculosis, other | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Syphilitic disease | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | Diphtheria | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Whooping Cough | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Meningococcal infections | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Acute Poliomyelitis | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Measles | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Other infective and parasitic disease | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Malignant neoplasms, stomach | 1 | 0 |
| 11 | " " lungs, bronchus | 3 | 0 |
| 12 | " " breast | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | " " uterus | - | 0 |
| 14 | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 3 | 3 |
| 15 | Leukaemia, aleukaemia | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | Diabetes | 0 | 1 |
| 17 | Vascular lesions of nervous system | 2 | 3 |
| 18 | Coronary disease, angina | 12 | 11 |
| 19 | Hypertension with heart disease | 1 | 2 |
| 20 | Other heart disease | 0 | 1 |
| 21 | Other circulatory disease | 3 | 6 |
| 22 | Influenza | 1 | 1 |
| 23 | Pneumonia | 1 | 1 |
| 24 | Bronchitis | 1 | 0 |
| 25 | Other diseases of respiratory system | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | Nephritis, nephrosis | 1 | 1 |
| 29 | Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | - |
| 30 | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | - | 0 |
| 31 | Congenital malformations | 1 | 0 |
| 32 | Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 6 | 3 |
| 33 | Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | 0 |
| 34 | All other accidents | 0 | 1 |
| 35 | Suicide | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | Homicide and operations of war | 0 | 0 |

S E C T I O N B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR DARTMOUTH

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter and Plymouth.

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, available at Dartmouth. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

Ambulance Service

The ambulance service at Dartmouth now radio controlled from Torquay, is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. (Telephone: Torquay 39345). Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres

There are two District Nurses and Midwives (Telephone: Dartmouth 2868), one Health Visitor (Tele: Stoke Fleming 243), a Welfare Centre at 1 Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth (Tele: Dartmouth 2845) and another at Townstal.

Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisation

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help Service

Applications for this service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 6 Fair View Road, Dartmouth. Telephone: Dartmouth 2505.

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Workers in Mental Health, Miss O.F. Evans and Mr. W.J. Gliddon, 14 Midvale Road, Paignton. Tele: 59131.

Help in respect of mentally sub-normal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

Chiropody Service

A County Council Chiropodist operates a foot clinic at the Welfare Centre 1 Mayor's Avenue (Telephone: 2845). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mothers who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

Sessions are held every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the second and fourth Tuesday each month 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on the third Monday each month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital (23 beds) is administered by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee. Patients from Dartmouth also attend the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, which is the principal general hospital for the area. Chronic sick can receive treatment at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes and at Newton Abbot Hospital.

All the above beds are managed by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee within the South-Western Regional Hospital Board. The Devon County Council provides 24 beds at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes and 15 beds at Newton Abbot Hospital for the care of aged persons, under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

There are 4 General Medical Practitioners and 2 Dentists at Dartmouth. There is also a school dental clinic at the Welfare Clinic, 1 Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth.

OTHER SERVICES

A rest room for elderly people functions at Market Street. It is comfortably furnished and light refreshments may be obtained. Meals-on-wheels are distributed by W.R.V.S. volunteers and delivered twice weekly.

A Family Planning Clinic is held on the first Wednesday evening of each month commencing at 6.30 p.m., and on the third Tuesday of each month 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Dartmouth are periodically arranged by the S.W. Blood Transfusion Service.

The Council owns a steam operated disinfecter which is in regular use. There is also a mortuary managed by the Council.

S E C T I O N C
REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1966

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1966 and in doing so wish to thank my colleagues in other departments for their help and co-operation. It is regretted that sickness has had a material affect upon the work carried out during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

V. E. HUGHES.

Public Health Inspector.

July, 1967.

WATER SUPPLY

PUBLIC Source of Supply

Drinking water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board from their moorland supplies on Dartmoor and the Norton Reservoir at Dartmouth.

South West Devon Water Board

With the exception of a few private supplies mentioned below the Board supplies water to the whole of the town. The Board took 101 samples of water for bacteriological examination during the year and all but five were satisfactory. We appreciate very much the way the Board have co-operated during the year and their prompt response to calls made upon them when urgent repairs have been required to water mains. The water supplied to the Borough is not plumbo-solvent.

PRIVATE Sources of Supply

There are 32 properties in the Borough deriving water from private springs or shallow wells. All these properties are too remote from the mains supply to make connections economically possible.

A total of 33 water samples was taken from private supplies and 13 samples showed evidence of bacteriological contamination in varying degrees. Consumers were advised to boil the water for human consumption when contamination was confirmed.

There are nine main sewer outfalls belonging to the Council and these discharge into the tidal waters of the estuary of the River Dart.

During 1966 routine water sampling from the River Dart adjacent to sewage outfalls from the Borough was continued. Nine samples were taken. Overall the samples showed no increase in contamination over the previous year. However variations can be accounted for by the state of the tide and the volume of water running down the river when the samples are taken. It is found that the greatest degree of contamination occurs at low water. Rapid dilution occurs with a high tide or heavy rainfall.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household refuse is collected weekly, and is disposed of by controlled tipping on land at Jawbones. This site however is rapidly becoming filled and attempts were made during the year to find a new site. Neighbouring authorities were contacted to see if a site could be made available outside the Borough; negotiations are still proceeding and there is every hope that a satisfactory solution will be found.

Cardboard, paper and loose material are burnt in order to reduce the bulk. This saves tipping space and helps to make the refuse innocuous. Covering material from new building sites varied considerably in volume and it was generally difficult to find sufficient.

Trade refuse is collected twice weekly, free of charge. Any special collections are charged for at the rate of one shilling per bin; this applied particularly to some food premises in the summer months where twice weekly collection was found to be insufficient.

Each year the weekly total of refuse increases with the increased number of houses and business premises, and influx of summer visitors.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Infectious Illness

Only twenty-two cases of infectious illness were notified. Whooping Cough predominated. Two cases of suspected food poisoning were notified, but were not confirmed by laboratory tests.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

The Steam Disinfector was tested by the insurers during the year and found in good working order. There were 88 articles treated. Most of the articles were dealt with on behalf of the hospital authorities. The cost of treatments was fully recovered. Five properties including three Council houses were treated for vermin. Other properties were treated for swarms of flies and wasps.

Caravan Sites

Two permanent sites of 30 and 85 caravans have been licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. Planning permission was given for the erection of 72 chalets on the Norton Park site and work commenced.

The annual survey made in August on behalf of the County Council revealed that there were ninety caravans occupied on the two licensed sites; seven of them residential and six tourists. Inspection during the summer months found the sites very satisfactory on all occasions. One complaint was received as a result of which one caravan was inspected and condemned and was voluntarily withdrawn by the owner.

Roadside Camping

This was not so prevalent as in previous years.

Holiday Cottages

Holiday cottages at Compass Cove were well conducted during the summer holiday time. The private water supply which is derived from a shallow well was sampled periodically and found free from bacterial contamination. One complaint was made by visitors, but on investigation this was found to be quite unjustified. The site was found very satisfactory on all occasions when inspected.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Borough.

HOUSING

Inspections

A total of 197 properties in the Borough were visited under the Public Health and Housing Acts during 1966. They were dealt with on 590 occasions principally by inspection or reinspection where notices were served for the remedy of defects or where defects were suspected or complained of.

213 complaints were received and dealt with during the year. The following list gives a summary of repair work completed and inspected:-

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Roofs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| External Walls | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Internal Plastering | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Floors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Windows | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Chimneys | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Fireplaces | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |

DRAINAGE

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Inspections made | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 89 |
| Tests carried out | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Drains repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 46 |
| Rainwater pipes and gutters | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Water Closets provided, repaired or renewed | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| New drains laid (excluding new properties) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Inspection chambers built or repaired | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Number of Informal Notices served and completed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 83 |
| Number of Statutory Notices served and completed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Overcrowding

Four cases of suspected overcrowding were investigated during the year. Three were confirmed two of which were rehoused by the Council.

Substandard Housing

No houses were demolished, two were closed for human habitation, one by a Closing Order and the other by an undertaking by the owner.

Two closing orders were determined on completion of satisfactory repairs. At the end of the year there remained 13 unfit properties subject to closing orders.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

Improvement Grants

35 properties were inspected in connection with applications for improvement grants; altogether 55 visits of advice were made. Eleven were completed and grants paid in connection therewith amounted to £1,980 12s. 8d. One application was received from a tenant for the compulsory improvement of the house he occupied.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

Two premises were dealt with in connection with the Abatement of Noise, both were satisfactorily resolved.

Council Houses

Council houses were visited on 20 occasions in connection with lack of cleanliness, the keeping of animals, poultry, overcrowding or rehousing. The houses on the council estate gave little trouble during the year.

20 applicants for council houses, four outside the Borough, were visited in connection with rehousing; reports were submitted to the Housing Officer.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk Supply

There are four registered dairies in the Town, one of which is equipped

with a Holder type pasteurising plant. Samples from the pasteurising plant showed consistantly good results. One farm is registered for the sale of tuberculin tested farm bottled milk. The remaining farmers dispatch all milk produced to a central pasteurizing plant. All the milk supplied to schools was pasteurised. Samples of school milk when tested gave satisfactory results.

Milk Samples

25 samples of milk were sent to the laboratory for the methylene blue cleanliness test. Two were spoilt in transit, three failed the test and the remainder passed. Two farms were involved in the failures, a repeat sample from one proved satisfactory and the other was investigated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

14 samples were submitted for the Tuberculin Test and all were declared free from evidence of disease. 19 samples were tested for Brucella Abortus which causes undulant fever in man. All samples were clear of infection.

No complaints involving the milk supply to the town were received during the year.

Food Premises

During the year 584 visits were made to the market and 108 food premises in the town. Details are as follows:-

| <u>Number and Type of Food Premises</u> | <u>Visits</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Market and Stalls (10 Stallholders) | 45 |
| 20 cafes and Restuarants, Canteens | 114 |
| 15 Bakehouses and Confectioners | 93 |
| 27 Hotels and Licensed Premises | 116 |
| 23 Ice Cream Premises | 36 |
| 9 Wet and Fried Fish Shops | 28 |
| 10 Butchers and 2 mobile shops | 98 |
| 23 Fruit and Grocery | 117 |
| 4 Dairies | 16 |

One restuarant, one grocers and one hotel closed during the year. A confectioners, a fried fish and chip shop and a grocers shop opened.

Faults found on periodic visits and infringements remedied are listed as follows:-

Type of Fault

Verbal notice re smoking
Redecoration of premises
The supply of hot water to a sink
Ventilation of toilets
Removal of an accumulation of flies
Covering of table tops with impervious material
Removal of an accumulation of refuse
Renewal of kitchen ceiling
Removal of food stored on the floor
Renewal of floor covering

There were two cases of suspected food poisoning and samples sent to the Public Health Laboratory in connection therewith failed to prove that food was the cause of the illness.

Ice Cream

At the end of the year there were twenty-four premises registered and selling ice cream. Two of these are registered for manufacture.

36 samples of ice cream were taken for bacterial examination 27 of the samples were placed in Grade I (satisfactory). 5 in Grade II (fair) 2 in Grade III (unsatisfactory) and two were spoilt in transit. Repeat samples of the two in Grade III were satisfactory after advice had been given on preparation and handling.

Unsound Food

Food inspected and surrendered by retailers as being unfit for human consumption, is listed below:-

| <u>Canned Food</u> | <u>1b.</u> | <u>Canned Food</u> | <u>1b.</u> | <u>Other Food</u> | <u>1b.</u> |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Ham | 39 | Jellied Veal | 12 | Beef | 279 |
| Peaches | 11½ | Stewed Steak | 19 | Pork | 4½ |
| Pears | 5 | Corn Beef | 20 | Chicken | 5 |
| Oranges | 1 | Soup | 8 | Flour | 288 |
| Grapefruit | 1 | Pilchards | 1 | Chocolate | 1 |
| Pineapple | 9½ | Beans | 6½ | | |
| Tomatoes | 6 | Meat Loaf | ¾ | | |
| Peas | 4½ | Capers | 1 | | |
| Rice | 5 | Jaffa Juice | 2½ | | |
| Salmon | 1¼ | | | | |
| Evap. Milk | 25 | | | | |
| Beetroot | 2 | | | | |
| Carrots | 1 | | | | |
| Spraggetti | 6½ | | | | |

Food Samples sent for Analysis

The Devon County Council Sampling Officer, in accordance with the authority given by the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, caused the following samples to be analysed during 1966:-

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Milk (14 samples) | Corn Beef |
| Cheese spread with Mushrooms | Apples (for pesticide investigation) |
| Vienna Loaf | Tomatoes - ditto - |
| Peeled Shrimps | Butter |
| Panadol Tablets | Home Made Fudge |
| Dripping | |

All these samples were genuine.

A meat patty was contaminated by a growth of mould. The defendants were fined a total of £8. 3s. Od., at Dartmouth Court on 28th October, 1966.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent Control

The Operator works half-time on Rodent Control and half-time on general duties. This arrangement is adequate to control infestation. The table below summarises the action taken during the year.

| <u>Properties other than Sewers</u> | <u>Type of Property</u> | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Non Agricultural</u> | <u>Agricultural</u> |
| 1. Number of Properties in District | 2,615 | 15 |
| 2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification | 204 | 3 |
| (b) Number infested by (i) Rats | 138 | 3 |
| (ii) Mice | 31 | 2 |
| 3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification | 12 | 0 |
| (b) Number infested by (i) Rats | 3 | 0 |
| (ii) Mice | 4 | 0 |

Sewers infested by rats during the year Nil.

Farms

28 visits were made to farms in connection with rodent control, milk supplies, private water supplies or The Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956. One farm was found badly infested with rats, but successfully dealt with.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

With the exception of a few new registrations all the initial inspections of shop and office premises were completed by the end of the year. The co-operation of occupiers was very good indeed. There were no complaints made by employees. Initial inspections revealed that 85% of the premises did not fully comply with the Act. Infringements were, however, mostly of a minor nature consisting of lack of first aid materials or thermometers in the main.

Lighting, however, was the next in order of infringement and this gave rise to some concern and surprise in a few cases. A fixed standard would be helpful both to occupier and inspectorate. It was found that restaurants and hotel bars were often below the recommended standard of the British Lighting Council, subdued lighting being favoured by the public and owners.

An abstract copy of the Act was supplied to all premises where it was found that none was on display.

Two accidents were investigated during the year involving persons working at food premises. Neither was of a serious nature; the accidents were not attributable to any neglect by the owners of the shops concerned.

A summary of the annual return for the year 31st December, 1966, is as follows:-

Table A
Registration and General Inspections

| <u>Class of Premises</u> | <u>New</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>during 1966</u> | <u>Total</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>to date</u> | <u>No. of</u> <u>Registered</u> <u>premises</u> <u>inspected</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Office | 5 | 32 | 13 |
| Retail Shops | 8 | 67 | 33 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Table A continued

| <u>Class of Premises</u> | <u>New Regist- rations during 1966</u> | <u>Total Regist- rations to date</u> | <u>No. of Registered premises inspected</u> |
|--|--|--|---|
| Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens | 2 | 28 | 14 |
| Fuel Storage Depots | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises:-

193

Table C

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by work place

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 186 | 357 | 543 |
| <u>Class of Work Place</u> | <u>No. of Persons Employed</u> | | |
| Offices | | | 97 |
| Retail Shops | | | 238 |
| Wholesale Dept. Warehouses | | | 4 |
| Catering Establishments open to the public | | | 191 |
| Canteens | | | 0 |
| Fuel Storage Depots | | | 13 |

Table D

Exemptions

| | | | |
|----------|---|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Part I | - | Space (Section 5(2)) | ... Nil |
| Part II | - | Temperature (Section 6) | ... Nil |
| Part III | - | Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9) | ... Nil |
| Part IV | - | Washing Facilities (Section 10) | ... Nil |

Table E
Prosecutions

Nil

Table F
Inspectors

No. of Inspectors appointed under ... 1
Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act

No. of other staff employed for ... Nil
most of their time on work in
connection with the Act

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There is only one registered user of Rag Flock. Supplies are obtained from licensed premises outside the Borough. No samples were taken during the year.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Periodic inspections under the Act were carried out and no notices were issued. Under the provisions of Section 40, suspension of the weekly half-day closing was sanctioned during the summer months.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS

Number of Licences granted to store Petroleum ... 8

Number of Licences granted to store Mixed Explosives ... 8

All premises were inspected prior to the issue of licences.

GAME ACT, 1831

Three persons were licensed to deal in game.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

The Order makes it compulsory to boil all swill before it is fed to pigs. Premises so used are licensed by the County Council who delegate powers of inspection to the Local Authority.

LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925

During the year a total of 150 land charge enquiries were dealt with in the Public Health Department. This figure gives some indication of the number of properties changing hands. Unfortunately many of the houses so doing are lost to the resident population because they are converted for holiday use only, either as retreats or for summer letting. Most of them are sold at very enhanced prices which put them beyond the reach of most people on the housing waiting list, or of young married couples.

S E C T I O N D
FACTORIES ACT, 1961
BOROUGH OF DARTMOUTH

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1966.

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power:
(Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6)

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number on Register | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Written Notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Occupiers prosecuted | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power:
(Section 7)

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number on Register | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31 |
| Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | 91 |
| Written Notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Occupiers prosecuted | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

(iii) Other Premises under the Act:
(Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworker's Premises).

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number on Register | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Written Notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Occupiers prosecuted | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

2. Cases in which Defects were found

| <u>Defect</u> | <u>Found</u> | <u>Remedied</u> | <u>Defects referred</u> | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | | | <u>to H.M.</u> | <u>by H.M.</u> |
| | | | <u>Inspector</u> | <u>Inspector</u> |
| Want of Cleanliness (S.1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)</u> | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (b) Unsuitable or Defective | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted: Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

| | <u>Section 133</u> | | | <u>Section 134</u> | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
| Nature of work | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3) | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4) | No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises (5) | Notices served (6) |
| | (2) | | | | |
| Wearing) Making apparel) etc. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

(7) There were no prosecutions

